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SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S

EUROPEAN VISIT

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1. DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE HAS JUST RELAYED PRIME MINISTER VORSTER'S REACTION TO PARAGRAPH 6 OF THE PROPOSED PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S EUROPEAN VISIT. FOURIE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WISHES TWO CHANGES:

A. IN THE THIRD SENTENCE VORSTER WANTS TO MAKE THE INTEREST IN THE MEETING RECIPROCAL RATHER THAN AS COMING PRIMARILY FROM SOUTH AFRICA AS THE PRESENT LANGUAGE SUGGESTS. VORSTER PROPOSES SENTENCE BE CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "PRIME MINISTER VORSTER, LIKE OURSELVES, HAS AN INTEREST IN A HIGH-LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN US TO DISCUSS DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA."

B. IN THE LAST PARAGRAPH, VORSTER FOUND THE WORD "MUST" TO BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE. IT SMACKS OF DICTATION. AS A RESULT, HE SUGGESTS THAT THE WORD
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BE CHANGED TO "CAN" OR "MIGHT."

2. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON WHETHER THESE TWO CHANGES ACCEPTABLE.
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